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Please find below a communication from the EXAMINER in charge of this application

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The reply filed on 5-23-00 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Amended claim 1 is directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed, since agonists and antagonists are patentably distinct from each other.

Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, this amendment has been considered non-responsive. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Patrick Nolan whose telephone number is (703) 305-1987. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christina Chan, can be reached at (703) 305-3973. The FAX number for our group, 1644, is (703) 305-7939. Any inquiry of a general nature relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist, whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.

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